

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract, which is also submitted on a separate page:

-- ~~It is an object to provide a~~ A banding packing machine capable of inexpensively detecting the end of a band reel, thereby contributing to a reduction ~~in a cost~~ in cost. In a banding packing machine having a back pool ~~box (80)~~ box in a packing machine ~~body (72)~~ body and serving to feed an unused band (B) stored in the back pool ~~box (80)~~ box and a band from a band ~~reel (78)~~ reel, the rotating speed of a touch ~~roller (88)~~ roller is detected when ~~an insufficient amount of the band is~~ a further required amount of band is being pulled out of the band ~~reel (78)~~ reel by band feeding ~~means (82)~~ means. It is decided that the band is not left in the band reel if the rotating speed is not changed but the rotation is carried out at an almost constant speed, and the tip portion of the band does not arrive at the predetermined position of a band guide arch. Then, the driving operation of a normal rotating roller is stopped based on the decision signal. --

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In some cases in which the banding is to be newly carried out in the banding packing machine, however, the excess of the band stored in the pool box, particularly, in the back pool box causes a length to be insufficient. Accordingly, ~~the insufficient band~~ an amount of band further required should be directly pulled out from the band reel so as to be used. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In such a banding packing machine, the band prestored in the pool box or the back pool box is fed toward the band guide arch side with a small torque at a high speed, and the

~~insufficient amount of the band~~ further required amount of band is pulled out from the band reel with a great torque at a low speed. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- in which when the unused band stored in the back pool box or the pool box is to be used for next banding, said unused band is fed toward the band guide arch side by driving force of the band feeding means including the normal rotating roller and the common touch roller, and ~~an insufficient amount of the band~~ an amount of band further required is further reeled out directly from a band reel toward the band guide arch side and is thus fed toward the guide arch side, --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- wherein a rotating speed of driving means for rotating the band reel is detected by the speed detecting means when the ~~insufficient amount of the band is~~ further required amount of band is being directly reeled out from the band reel toward the band guide arch side, and it is decided that the band is left in the band reel if the rotating speed of the driving means is changed, and --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- According to the banding packing machine having the structure described above, if the rotating speed of the detected portion of the driving means for directly rotating the band reel is detected and the presence of a change in the rotating speed is detected by the speed detecting means, the end of the band reel can be detected. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- in which the unused band stored in the back pool box or the pool box is to be used for next banding, said unused band is fed toward the band guide arch side by driving force of the band feeding means including the normal rotating roller and the common touch roller, and

~~an insufficient amount of the band~~ an amount of band further required is further reeled out directly from a band reel toward the band guide arch side and is thus fed toward the band guide arch side, --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- wherein a rotating speed of driving means for rotating the band reel is detected by the speed detecting means when the ~~insufficient amount of the band is further required~~ amount of band is being directly reeled out from the band reel toward the band guide arch side, and it is decided that the band is left in the band reel if the rotating speed of the driving means is changed, --

Please delete the paragraph at page 22, lines 16-21, and replace with the following paragraph:

-- In the secondary band feeding, the insufficient band length will be usually supplemented by taking a further length directly from the band reel 78. However, when the band has loosened so long by the mechanism described above that the secondary feeding is possible without any supplementary band, the band reel will not rotate. --